(c) the details of the States which have enforced restrictions on the movement of foodgrains; and

(d) the steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) The policy of Central Government is to treat the entire country as a single food zone and the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations have been regularly requested to remove movement restrictions if any, for foodgrains.

(b) and (c) All the State Governments except Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal and Union Territory of Pondicherry have informed that either they have no movement restrictions on foodgrains or they have removed the existing restrictions. States of Anlhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal and Union Territory of Pondicherry have imposed restricitons on movement of rice|paddy.

(d) Recently. meetings have been held with the officials of the concerned State Government/Union Territory and they have been requested to review their existing policy of restrictions on movement of foodgrains.

Lifting of sugar quota directly from Sugar Mills

6070. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ,the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi has decided to lift sugar quota directly from Sugar Mills instead of from FCI for Public Distribution System (PDS) in the Capital;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Goverment propose to extend similar facilities to the other State Governments also; and

(d) if not. the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b) There is a proposal under the consideration of the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi to take over the distribution of levy sugar from the Food Corporation of India (FCI).

(c) and (d) Government of India has been persuading other States also to take over-levy sugar distribution work from FCI.

Allocation of Sugar to M.P.

6071. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government provide sugar quota to the State on the basis of population;

(b) whether the quota provided to Madhya Pradesh is on the basis of population of 1986 (5.1 crores);

(c) if so, whether according to 1991-census the population has been registered at 6.60 crores.

(d) whether Government have not increased the sugar quota of Madhya Pradesh in lieu of the increased population;

(e) if so, whether the Government of M.P. has been urging the centre to raise the quota to meet the demands for increased population of Madhya Pradesh; and

(f) by what time Government is considering to raise the sugar quota of Madhya Pradesh?